



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the City Coordinators Office**

**Date:** March 26, 2013

**To:** Honorable Elizabeth Glidden, Chair, Regulatory Energy and Environment Committee  
Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair, Ways and Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** Execute contract with State of Minnesota for reimbursement for solar activities

**Recommendation:**

Enter contract with Minnesota Department of Commerce to accept reimbursement of up to \$3,593 for staff time for solar activities.

Increase appropriation in City Coordinator's Fund 01300 Department 8400200

Increase revenue estimate in City Coordinator's Fund 01300 Department 8400200 not exceed Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Three dollars (\$3,593.00).

**Department Information**

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Aasen, City Coordinator

Presenters in Committee: Gayle Prest

**Financial Impact**

No financial impact.

**Background**

In late 2011, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (DER) was awarded a federal Department of Energy grant to help make solar installation faster and less expensive for small businesses and homeowners. Partners include the City of Minneapolis, the City of Saint Paul, Fresh Energy, and other nonprofit and business stakeholders in Minnesota. The Minnesota Department of Commerce is one of 22 organizations nationwide selected to lead the way in solar power deployment through this grant.

The City of Minneapolis is eligible to seek reimbursement for staff time to attend meetings, workshops and/or educational opportunities related to solar codes and relevant Minnesota Solar Challenge activities to improve solar permitting and facilitate solar deployment. The City Attorney's Office has reviewed the contract and recommends forwarding to the City Council for action.